

# ACCT 2005 Retreat

## Summary Report

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At their second biennial retreat, the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT) honed in on specific project and legislative priorities for the 2005-07 biennium. The essential elements of the ACCT strategic plan remain unchanged, while the specific work agenda gained more focus.

### Strategic Plan Remains Unchanged

The ultimate ACCT vision is to:

***Remove transportation as a barrier to full participation in the community.***

With an eye towards efficiency, effectiveness, coordination, accountability and information, ACCT will continue to provide programs and strategies the remove barriers, focus on results, and increase advocacy for coordinated special needs transportation.

### Work Agenda

#### ACCT will focus on:

- Measuring the impact of transportation grants and technical assistance
- Evaluating Project at each stage to assess continued ACCT support
- Finding opportunities in Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to support ACCT principles, including better coordination of Job Access grants, Commute Trip Reduction and vanpool programs
- Finding opportunities in Department of Social and Health Services(DSHS) to support ACCT principles, including better coordination of transportation spending, Job Access grants, Medicaid, and cost per trip data
- Identifying federal and state barriers that restrict coordination at the local level, such as multiple requirements for audit data from various funders
- Holding more interactive ACCT meetings, with topic specific round table discussions

#### ACCT will prioritize funding for projects that:

- Help communities utilize Medicaid brokers to meet other transportation needs
- Integrate schools as a community transportation resource
- Support connected trips (e.g. transportation to/from home, daycare, worksite, errands)
- Creatively use shared ride strategies, such as carpooling and vanpooling

#### ACCT will work with local coalitions to:

- Formalize coalition planning and project development roles
- Integrate new federal requirements with existing coalition work
- Build relationships with regional transportation and Metropolitan planning organizations

#### ACCT will raise visibility of the issues by:

- Developing a compelling key message and story
- Working with legislative members of ACCT to tell the story
- Engaging more special needs advocates
- Aligning with the Governor's *Smart Buy* Initiative

#### ACCT will pursue projects to:

- Increase information about mobility options and coordination efforts, including:
  - Implementing Bi-State Trip Planner
  - Producing the 2005-07 ACCT Report to the Legislature
- Measure the performance of coordinated transportation, including:
  - Expanding WSDOT's transit statistical summary to include community transportation data
  - Preparing for the Governor's Government Management and Accountability Program
  - Conducting a cost/benefit analysis of homeless student transportation
  - Identifying statewide transportation needs, and the cost of NOT addressing those needs

### Legislative Agenda

- Make school buses more available as community transportation resource by changing RCW 28A.160.040-120
- Facilitate the creation of a statewide regulatory structure for the cabulance industry
- Expand ACCT representation to include Employment Security, Community Trade and Economic Development and transportation planning organizations
- Discuss changes or extension to the ACCT enabling legislation in preparation for sunset in 2008

